

IV of the Act, and Utah commits to adopt the rules and requirements promulgated by EPA to implement an acid rain program through the title V permit.

B. Proposed Action

EPA is proposing full approval of the operating permits program submitted to EPA by the State of Utah on April 14, 1994. Among other things, Utah has demonstrated that the PROGRAM will be adequate to meet the minimum elements of a State operating permits program as specified in 40 CFR part 70. EPA also proposes approval of the Utah Construction Permit Program found in section R307-1-3 of the State's regulations under section 112(l) of the Act for the purpose of creating Federally enforceable permit conditions for sources of hazardous air pollutants listed pursuant to section 112(b) of the Act, and, under the authority of title V and 40 CFR part 70, for the purpose of providing a mechanism to implement section 112(g) of the Act during any transition period between EPA's promulgation of a section 112(g) rule and adoption by the State of rules to implement section 112(g).

In Utah's part 70 program submission, the State indicated that it is not seeking approval from EPA to administer the State's part 70 PROGRAM within the exterior boundaries of Indian Reservations in Utah. In this notice, EPA proposes to approve Utah's part 70 PROGRAM for all areas within the State except the following: lands within the exterior boundaries of Indian Reservations (including the Uintah and Ouray, Skull Valley, Paiute, Navajo, Goshute, White Mesa, and Northwestern Shoshoni Indian Reservations) and any other areas which are "Indian Country" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 1151 (excepted areas).

In proposing not to extend the scope of Utah's part 70 PROGRAM to sources located in the excepted areas, EPA is not making a determination that the State either has adequate jurisdiction or lacks jurisdiction over such sources. Should the State of Utah choose to seek program approval within these areas, it may do so without prejudice. Before EPA would approve the State's part 70 PROGRAM for any portion of the excepted areas, EPA would have to be satisfied that the State has authority, either pursuant to explicit Congressional authorization or applicable principles of Federal Indian law, to enforce its laws against existing and potential pollution sources within any geographical area for which it seeks program approval and that such approval would constitute sound administrative practice.

Requirements for approval, specified in 40 CFR 70.4(b), encompass section 112(l)(5) requirements for approval of a program for delegation of section 112 standards as promulgated by EPA as they apply to part 70 sources. Section 112(l)(5) requires that the State's program contain adequate authorities, adequate resources for implementation, and an expeditious compliance schedule, which are also requirements under part 70. Therefore, EPA is also proposing to grant approval under section 112(l)(5) and 40 CFR part 63.91 of the State's program for receiving delegation of section 112 standards that are unchanged from Federal standards as promulgated. This program for delegations applies to sources covered by the part 70 program, as well as non-part 70 sources.

III. Administrative Requirements

A. Request for Public Comments

The EPA is requesting comments on all aspects of this proposed full approval. Copies of the State's submittal and other information relied upon for the proposed title V and section 112(l) approvals are contained in a docket maintained at the EPA Regional Office. The docket is an organized and complete file of all the information submitted to, or otherwise considered by, EPA in the development of these proposed approvals. The principal purposes of the docket are:

- (1) to allow interested parties a means to identify and locate documents so that they can effectively participate in the approval process, and
- (2) to serve as the record in case of judicial review. The EPA will consider any comments received by April 21, 1995.

B. Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from Executive Order 12866 review.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

EPA's actions under section 502 and section 112(l) of the Act do not create any new requirements, but simply address operating permits programs submitted to satisfy the requirements of 40 CFR part 70 and the creation of Federally enforceable permit conditions for sources of hazardous air pollutants listed pursuant to section 112(b) of the Act. Because this action does not impose any new requirements, it does not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 70

Environmental protection,
Administrative practice and procedure,

Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Operating permits, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. sections 7401-7671q.

Dated: March 14, 1995.

William P. Yellowtail,

Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 180

[PP 3E4241/P607; FRL-4941-1]

RIN 2070-AC18

Imazethapyr; Pesticide Tolerances

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to establish tolerances with regional registration for the sum of the residues of the herbicide imazethapyr, as its ammonium salt, and its metabolite in or on the raw agricultural commodities lettuce and endive. The Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4) requested this proposed regulation.

DATES: Comments, identified by the document control number, [PP 3E4241/P607], must be received on or before April 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Hoyt L. Jamerson, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection

Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Sixth Floor, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-308-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4), New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, P.O. Box 231, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, has submitted pesticide petition (PP) 3E4241 to EPA on behalf of the vegetable growers of Florida. The petition requests that the Administrator, pursuant to section 408(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a(e), amend 40 CFR 180.447 by establishing tolerances with regional registration for residues of the herbicide imazethapyr, 2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-5-ethyl-3-pyridine carboxylic acid, as its ammonium salt, and its metabolite, 2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-5-(1-hydroxyethyl-3-pyridine carboxylic acid), free and conjugated, in or on the raw agricultural commodities lettuce (head and leaf) and endive (escarole) at 0.1 part per million (ppm). The petitioner proposed that use of imazethapyr on lettuce and endive be limited to Florida based on the geographical representation of the residue data submitted. Additional residue data will be required to expand the area of usage. Persons seeking geographically broader registration should contact the Agency's Registration Division at the address provided above.

The scientific data submitted in the petition and other relevant material have been evaluated. The toxicological data considered in support of the proposed tolerances include:

1. Several acute toxicology studies placing technical-grade imazethapyr in Toxicity Category III and Toxicity Category IV.

2. A 1-year feeding study with dogs fed diets containing 0, 1,000, 5,000, or 10,000 part per million (ppm) with a systemic no-observed-effect level (NOEL) of 1,000 ppm (25 milligrams (mg)/kilogram (kg)/day) based on decreased packed cell volume, hemoglobin, and erythrocytes in the blood of female dogs at the 5,000-ppm (125 mg/kg/day) dose level.

3. A 78-week carcinogenicity study in mice fed diets containing 0, 1,000, 5,000 or 10,000 ppm (equivalent to 0, 150, 750, or 1,500 mg/kg/day) with a systemic NOEL of 5,000 ppm based on decreased body weight gain in both sexes at the 10,000-ppm dose level. No carcinogenic effects were observed under the conditions of the study.

4. A 2-year chronic feeding/carcinogenicity study in rats fed diets containing 0, 1,000, 5,000, or 10,000 ppm (equivalent to 0, 50, 250, or 500 mg/kg/day) with no treatment-related systemic or carcinogenic effects observed under the conditions of the study.

5. A multi-generation reproduction study in rats fed diets containing 0, 1,000, 5,000, or 10,000 ppm (equivalent to 0, 50, 250, or 500 mg/kg/day) with no treatment-related systemic or reproductive effects observed under the conditions of the study.

6. Developmental toxicity studies in rats and rabbits with no developmental toxicity observed under the conditions of the studies at dose levels up to and including the highest dose tested (1,125 mg/kg/day in rats and 1,000 mg/kg/day in rabbits).

7. Mutagenicity studies include gene mutation assays in bacteria cells (negative) and Chinese hamster ovary cells (no dose-response); structural chromosomal aberration assays *in vivo* in rat bone marrow cells (negative) and *in vitro* in Chinese hamster ovary cells (positive without activation at levels toxic to cells and negative with activation); and other genotoxic effects (did not induce unscheduled DNA synthesis in rat hepatocytes cultured *in vitro*).

The reference dose (RfD) for imazethapyr is established at 0.25 mg/kg body weight/day. The RfD is based on a NOEL of 25 mg/kg/day established in the 1-year feeding study in dogs and an uncertainty factor of 100. The theoretical maximum residue contribution (TMRC) from existing uses and the proposed uses on lettuce and endive utilizes less than 1 percent of the RfD for the general population and all 22 subgroup populations for which EPA routinely conducts dietary risk assessments. This is a worst-case estimate of dietary exposure which assumes tolerance level residues and treatment of the total production acreage of the commodities. The dietary risk assessment indicates that there is minimal risk from the establishment of the proposed tolerances for lettuce and endive.

The nature of residues in lettuce and endive is adequately understood for the purposes of establishing the proposed tolerances. An adequate analytical method is available for enforcement purposes. The enforcement methodology has been submitted to the Food and Drug Administration for publication in the Pesticide Analytical Manual, Vol. II (PAM II). Because of the long lead time for publication of the method in PAM II, the analytical

methodology is being made available in the interim to anyone interested in pesticide enforcement when requested from: Calvin Furlow, Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Divisions (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-305-5937.

No secondary residues are expected to occur in meat, milk, poultry, or eggs from this action since lettuce and endive are not considered livestock feed commodities.

There are currently no actions pending against the continued registration of this chemical.

Based on the information and data considered, the Agency has determined that the tolerances established by amending 40 CFR 180.447 would protect the public health. Therefore, it is proposed that the tolerances be established as set forth below.

Any person who has registered or submitted an application for registration of a pesticide, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, which contains any of the ingredients listed herein, may request within 30 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register** that this rulemaking proposal be referred to an Advisory Committee in accordance with section 408(e) of the FFDCA.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Comments must bear a notation indicating the document control number, [PP 3E4241/P607]. All written comments filed in response to this petition will be available in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, at the address given above from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, Oct. 4, 1993), the Agency must determine whether the regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to all the requirements of the Executive Order (i.e., Regulatory Impact Analysis, review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)). Under section 3(f), the order defines "significant" as those actions likely to lead to a rule (1) having an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or adversely and materially affecting a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local or tribal governments or communities (also known as "economically significant"); (2) creating serious inconsistency or

otherwise interfering with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially altering the budgetary impacts of entitlement, grants, user fees, or loan programs; or (4) raising novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.

Pursuant to the terms of this Executive Order, EPA has determined that this rule is not "significant" and is therefore not subject to OMB review.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Administrator has determined that regulations establishing new tolerances or raising tolerance levels or establishing exemptions from tolerance requirements do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A certification statement to this effect was published in the **Federal Register** of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 8, 1995.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, it is proposed that 40 CFR part 180 be amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. In § 180.447, by adding new paragraph (d), to read as follows:

§ 180.447 Imazethapyr, ammonium salt; tolerance for residues.

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(d) Tolerances with regional registration, as defined in § 180.1(n) of this chapter, are established for the sum of residues of the herbicide imazethapyr, 2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-5-ethyl-3-pyridine carboxylic acid, as its ammonium salt, and its metabolite, 2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-5-(1-hydroxyethyl)-3-pyridine carboxylic acid, both free and conjugated, in or on the following raw agricultural commodities:

Commodity	Parts per million
Endive (escarole)	0.1
Lettuce (head and leaf)	0.1

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40 CFR Part 180

[OPP-300380; FRL-4936-4]

RIN 2070-AC18

Acetic Acid Ethenyl Ester, Polymer with Ethenol and (α)-2-Propenyl-(ω)-Hydroxypoly(Oxy-1,2-Ethanediy); Tolerance Exemption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of acetic acid ethenyl ester, polymer with ethenol and (α)-2-propenyl-(ω)-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediy) (CAS Reg. No. 137091-12-4), when used as an inert ingredient (component of water-soluble film) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops only under 40 CFR 180.1001(d). Japan Technical Information Center, Inc., requested this proposed regulation on behalf of Nippon Gohsei (U.S.A.) Co., Ltd.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the document control number, [OPP-300380], must be received on or before April 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202. Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI).

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Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kerry Leifer, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 2800 Crystal Drive, North Tower, 6th Floor, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 308-8323.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Japan Information Center, Inc., 775 South 23rd St., Arlington, VA 22202, on behalf of Nippon Gohsei (U.S.A.) Co., Ltd., submitted pesticide petition (PP) 4EO4403 to EPA requesting that the Administrator, pursuant to section 408(e) of the Federal Food Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 346a(e)), propose to amend 40 CFR 180.1001(d) by establishing an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of acetic acid ethenyl ester, polymer with ethenol and (α)-2-propenyl-(ω)-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediy) (CAS Reg. No. 137091-12-4), when used as an inert ingredient (component of water-soluble film) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops only under 40 CFR 180.1001(d).

Inert ingredients are all ingredients that are not active ingredients as defined in 40 CFR 153.125, and include, but are not limited to, the following types of ingredients (except when they have a pesticidal efficacy of their own): solvents such as alcohols and hydrocarbons; surfactants such as polyoxyethylene polymers and fatty acids; carriers such as clay and diatomaceous earth; thickeners such as carrageenan and modified cellulose; wetting, spreading, and dispersing agents; propellants in aerosol dispensers; microencapsulating agents; and emulsifiers. The term "inert" is not intended to imply nontoxicity; the ingredient may or may not be chemically active.

The data submitted in the petition and other relevant material have been evaluated. As part of the EPA policy statement on inert ingredients published in the **Federal Register** of April 22, 1987 (52 FR 13305), the Agency set forth a list of studies which would generally be used to evaluate the risks posed by the presence of an inert ingredient in a pesticide formulation. However, where it can be determined without that data that the inert ingredient will present minimal or no risk, the Agency generally does not require some or all of the listed studies to rule on the proposed tolerance or exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for an